

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-14, and 20-21 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-4, 6-14, and 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendment to the claims correct the specific deficiencies cited by the Examiner. The amendments to the claims correspond to those discussed with the Examiner on February 2, 2004 and address each of the issues noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the above rejection of claims 1-4, 6-14, and 20-21 be withdrawn.

This response is being filed within the three-month statutory response period which expires on July 5, 2004. In addition, no additional claim fees are believed to be required as a result of the above amendments to the claims. Nevertheless, the Commission is authorized to charge the any fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to deposit account no. 50-0558.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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